

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, October 30, 1746.

*From the London Gazette, Oct. 25.*

*Louisbourg, Sept. 18.* A Party of the French Indians, undiscovered, fell upon a Detachment of Soldiers that were at the Island of St. John's, and slew off upwards of 30 of them.

*Louisbourg, Sept. 19.* We have received News of the Arrival of the French Fleet and Forces under the Command of the Duke d'Anville upon the Coast of Acadia. But as most of our Works are compleated that were necessary for the present Defence of this Place, we are under no Apprehensions from him.

*Florence, Oct. 11.* By Advices from Naples, an Order had been given there to fit out the Gallies and two half Gallies, with all possible Expedition, which, it is confidently said, are to cruise in the Channel of Piombino, to oppose the King of Sardinia's two Gallies, and to escort the Convoy with the Neapolitan Troops from Nice to Naples, for which Purpose a considerable Number of Transports had been assembled.

*Venice, Oct. 14.* The Austrian Troops in their Passage through the Veronefe to Mantua, continue to come daily in great Numbers; within the last Month there has passed above 12000. Two Regiments of Cavalry and two of Foot from the Rhine, have begun to enter the Tirolo, and after their Arrival the Austrians affirm that the Empress will have Fourscore thousand Men compleat in Italy. The Troops about Mantua have Orders to hold themselves in Readiness to march. The Advices of M. Botta's resigning the Command of the Army to General Brown are not yet confirmed. By the last Accounts from the Spanish Army, the Inf. and the Duke of Modena were at Antibes, and it was supposed Don Philip would go to Madrid. The Duke of Modena has applied to the King of Sardinia for Passports to return to Venice, but it is said they have been refused, from whence it is concluded that he will go to Paris to the Dutchess.

*Hague, Nov. 1.* Letters from Paris advise, that the Troops under General Sinclair were again reembarked, and that the Earl of Morton and his Family were committed to the Bassile, his Lordship's Passport being expired; but the first Article is contradicted by other Accounts. It is rumoured here, that an Action had happened on the Italian Side of the Varo, where the King of Sardinia in Person attacked M. Maillebois, and, after an obstinate Engagement, forced him to pass that River in great Confusion, and with great Loss; and that the Piedmontese have taken 2000 Prisoners.

*Plymouth, Oct. 21.* His Majesty's Ship the Nottingham, has brought in hither the Mars, a French Man of

War of 64 Guns and 550 Men, which she met with off Cape Clear, and took, after an Engagement of two Hours, wherein the Nottingham lost but 3 or 4 Men, and the Mars 40. This Ship was parted from the Duke d'Anville's Squadron by a violent Storm off the Island of Sable, about six Weeks since. The Prisoners report, that the said Squadron was extremely sickly, and had lost great Numbers of Men in the Passage.

Last Night his Majesty's Ship the Ambuscade arrived at this Port, and brought in with her a French Privateer called the St. Nicholas, which she took on Sunday Night off the Eddystone. She mounts 10 Carriage Guns, of 6 and 4 Pounds, and 11 Swivels, and had on board 100 Men. She was ten Days from Calais, and was bound to cruise to the Northward, but was driven to the Westward by contrary Winds.

*Portsmouth, Oct. 23.* His Majesty's Ship the Inverness has taken and sent in hither a French Ship from Martinico, laden with Sugar and Cotton.

*From Wye's Letter, London, Oct. 25.* The Swift Privateer Capt. Hudson of Sandwick was, on the Night between the 23d and 24th inst. drove ashore on Sandwick Flats by a violent Storm, but all the Crew except three saved. The Vessel is whole, and in all Probability will be got off again; and 'tis advised from Plymouth met with the same Storm, and 'tis feared we shall hear of some of them being lost. — The Islands of Guernsey and Jersey are ordered to be fortified and a large Quantity of Stores, Ammunition, &c. are ordered to be shipt for these Places with the utmost Expedition. — The Ship of Captain Brogdon is taken in the Bay of Honduras: The Spaniards killed barbarously several of the Ship's Crew on Account of defending the Ship.

*From the London Evening Post, Oct. 25.*

## LO N D O N, Oct. 25.

Thursday his Excellency the Earl of Holderness, late Ambassador to the Republick of Venice, and his Lady, with the Lord d'Arcy, their Son, who was born at Venice, arrived at the Earl of Fitzwalter's in Pall-Mall, from Holland.

We are informed, that they are equally dissatisfied at Paris and the Hague about the late Action at Liege, the People in the former of these Cities being persuaded, that their Marshal obtained a Victory that did him no Good; and the latter seeming to be persuaded, that their Forces were rather left by their Friends than beaten by their Enemies.

The French Criticks upon the Conduct of the Marshal are pleased to say, that he shewed greater Confidence in



his Engineers than in his Infantry, since he did not begin the Attack till the Batteries of the Allies were dismounted, and this hindered him from having Day-light enough to fall upon the Right Wing of the Allies in its Retreat, which reduced what might have been a compleat Victory, to a very slender, and that too, a very dear-bought Advantage.

On the other Hand, the Military Fault-finders in Holland say, that the French by attacking the Villages in Columns, had a great Advantage over the Allies, of which they might have been easily deprived if the Cavalry had done their Duty, since they most either have had in their Power to fall upon the Flank of those Columns, which would quickly have thrown them into disorder; or to avoid this, the Enemy must have formed into a Line, which would have exposed them to the Small Arms of the Battalions posted in the Villages.

Several Janissaries have been taken up at Paris for assembling together.

The French having burnt some Houses in the Suburbs of St. Walburgh, during the late Action near Liege, M. Saxe has ordered 12,000 Livres to be paid to the Proprietors by the Way of Reparation.

Last Thursday the Court sat at St. Margaret's Hill upon the Trials of the Rebel Prisoners, where the Right Hon. the Lord Chief Justice Lee, the Hon. Mr. Justice Wright, and the Hon. Mr. Baron Reynolds, were present; when John Burnet, a Captain in the Train of Artillery, was brought to the Bar, and after a Trial of three Hours, found Guilty of High Treason; Charles Gordon, Lieutenant in Ogilvie's Regiment, was four Hours on his Trial, and also found Guilty of High Treason; but he being Son to the Steward of the Regality under the Duke of Gordon, who is well attached to the present Government, and some favourable Circumstances appearing in his Behalf, the Jury recommended him to His Majesty's Mercy.

Yesterday the Court sat at St. Margaret's Hill, at which were present the Rt. Hon. the Lord Chief Justice Lee, the Hon. Mr. Justice Wright, the Hon. Mr. Baron Reynolds, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Abney.

Robert Forbes, a Captain in the Rebel Army, (a Farmer, and Tenant of the Duke of Gordon's) was acquitted, it appearing that he was forced from his House and Family, and several Times, while at Carlisle, attempted to make his Escape over the Wall, in Women's Cloaths by the Assistance of two young Women, who were to let him down with Ropes, but always prevented by the Rebel Guard.

James Gordon, a Lad about 16 Years of Age (Son of Charles Gordon, another Tenant of the Duke of Gordon's) Lieutenant in the Train of Artillery, was found guilty of High Treason.

Then the Court adjourned 'till this Morning.

By Letters from Carlisle we have Advice, that the two Men that were sent down to that City to execute the Rebels that were to have died on Saturday last, did not go through their Journey, thinking they were not well enough paid for their Trouble, but returned to London again, which is the Reason of their not being executed.

The following is an exact List of the Members of the Court-Martial lately held at Deptford, for the Trial of Thomas Matthews, Esq; &c.

Rear Admirals.

Perry Mayne, Esq;

Hon. John Byng, Esq;

Captains.

Humphry Orme,

Miles Stapylton,

The Hon. Edward Legge,

Esq;

James Rentone,

Thomas Frankland,

Sir William Hewett, Bart

Charles Colby,

The Hon. John Hamilton, Esq;

Sheldrake Laton, or Leigh-

ton,

Joseph Hamar,

Sir Charles Molloy,

Smith Callis,

John Pitman,

Charles Catford,

Thomas Hanway,

Edward Sprage,

George Elliot.

By the Rye Man of War, Capt. Craven, which arrived at Bristol on the 22d instant, and was dispatched Express from Cape Breton, we have Accounts from thence of the 19th and 20th past, that the French Squadron and Transports which sailed some Time since from Brest, under the Command of the Duke d'Anville, had met with a violent Storm off the Isle of Sable, in North America, which had dispersed, and very much damaged the same, insomuch that they had not made any Attempt upon Cape Breton. That some of the said Squadron had fallen in with, and chased the Hinchinbrooke Sloop off of Acadia, but that she had escaped them, and, with other English Cruisers had taken, immediately after the said Storm, some of the Transports, and carried them into Cape Breton. It is further added, that the said Fleet, since their Departure from Brest, had lost upwards of 2000 Men by Sicknes, which still continued to a great Degree among them; and that Admiral Warren, apprehending they might nevertheless attack Annapolis Royal or Placentia, had immediately dispatched two Men of War of 40 Guns each, for the Protection and Defence of those Places.

Some private Letters say, That his Majesty's Sloop the Hinchinbrooke, fell in with the said Fleet the beginning of September, and confirms the above Account, with this additional Circumstance, that the Reason of our not hearing any Thing of them so long a Time since they departed from Rochfort, was owing to their being drove a great Way to the Southward. What End the French could have in sending us, by Way of Holland, so many circumstantial Accounts of the Fleet attacking Louisburg, and being repulsed, is a Mystery we pretend not to understand.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Oct. 25.

L O N D O N , Oct. 25.

We learn from the Hague, that the Conferences at Breda are suspended for the present, and the respective Ministers returned to the Hague; and that Lady Sandwich and Lady Hyndford are gone to Lewarden, to pay their Compliments to the Princess of Orange.

It is said that his Majesty has granted a Pardon to Charles Mackenzie, Esq; commonly called Lord Macleod, who was in the Rebellion with his Father; and that he will go to Jamaica, and have 200 l. per Annum allowed him.

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In gallant action of late, Captain *Wolfe*, of the *Thunders*, *Man of War*, on board of which is Duke d'Anville, is re-taken by Admiral Townshend's Squadron, and several Transports, with French Troops on board, and carried into Cape Breton.

The Fly Privateer, Capt. Dyke, is arrived at Bristol, from a Cruize, and has brought in two Prizes, viz. the St. Esprit, and the John Baptist, both bound from Bayonne to Nantz.

The Samuel, Capt. Dunn, for London, is arrived at Shields, who came from St. John's in Newfoundland the 23d of September, when every Thing was well there, nor had they heard of the French being at Placentia. His Majesty's Ship the Vigilante, Capt. Douglas, was arrived there from Cape Breton, in order to convoy the homeward-bound Trade to Europe; which was to sail on the 10th of October.

We hear a Scheme is on Foot for paying off the Deficiencies of the Civil List by Annuities.

The Right Hon. the Lords of the Admiralty have acquainted the Merchants, that the Convoy for the Leeward Islands, will be ready to depart with the Trade in twenty Days from the 23d Inst.

Their Lordships have also given Notice, that the Convoy for Virginia, will be ready to depart in 14 Days.

In the Garrison of Tilbury Fort, there are upwards of fourscore Rebel Prisoners waiting for Orders to embark on board the Transport Ships lying off the said Fort, to transport them to his Majesty's Plantations; the Ague and Fever is very rife in the said Place.

Bank Stock 132 to 133 3 qrs. to 7 8ths. India Stock 181 1 qr. South Sea Stock 103 1 half.

#### *Copy of a Letter from Falmouth, Oct. 21.*

It may possibly be some Surprize to you to receive a remarkable Piece of Spanish News from hence; but it is in its Nature so singular, and we have it by the Way of Lisbon from such Authority, that there can be little or no Doubt of the Truth of it, which is the Reason that induced me to send you the Particulars of it in as full and clear a Manner as it is in my Power.

His present Catholick Majesty Ferdinand VI. being informed that the Cardinal Infant Don Lewis, Archbishop of Toledo and Seville, who is in the 20th Year of his Age, kept very bad Company, and led a very dissolute Life, thought proper to admonish him more than once of his Errors, to let him know that they were come to his Notice, and that it gave him very great Disquiet to find he had so little Regard to his high Quality, as Infant of Spain; and still more, that he should live in a Manner altogether incompatible with the Character he bore in the Church, exhorting him to remove, by a contrary Conduct for the future, the bad Impressions the World might have received of him; intimating at the same Time, how unwilling his Majesty was to have Recourse to any other Measures than those of gentle Persuasion, to bring him to a right Sense of Things.

This Kind of fraternal Behaviour had no sort of Effect upon Don Lewis, who went on in the same Course of Life, of which the King having Notice, ordered 3 of the Persons, who were looked upon to be his chief Advisers, to be apprehended and confined, which no sooner came to the Ears of the Cardinal Infant, than he applied for

their Discharge, which was positively refused. He could not help showing extreme Displeasure upon this Check, and believing that he should be able to do more in Person than by any other Method of Application, he went directly to the Palace, and having forced a Passage thro' the Guards, proceeded to the Anti-Chamber, and demanded of the Lords in waiting to see the King. He was told the King could not be spoke with, upon which he was going forward, but they desired him to stay where he was; he asked, Who was the Man that would presume to stop him? and at the same Time drew a long Knife. One of the Lords upon this thought proper to seize him, and in the Struggle between them the Infant dropped a Pistol, which went off in its Fall. By this Time the Alarm reached the King, who being exactly informed of all that had happened, ordered the Cardinal Infant to be confined, which is the last Circumstance of this Affair that had reached Lisbon when our Letters came away. It is very probable that this Affair may be attended with very important Consequences, since the King will see himself under a Necessity of providing effectually for his own Security against such as have so little regard either to Duty or Decency.

#### *E D I N B U R G H, October 30.*

We have no Accounts as yet of the Executions at Penrith on Tuesday last.

Tho' the two Executioners set down from London to Carlisle stopt short and proceeded not the full Length, for some mercenary Reasons, as taken Notice of in the English Papers this Day; yet it is certain others have been found to perform the Office, and that the several Persons ordered to Execution have suffered on the Days and at the Places appointed.

This Day being the Anniversary of his Majesty's Birth, the Citizens of this Metropolis began early in the Morning to express their Loyalty and Joy, ushering in the Day with the loudest Acclamations and reiterated Volleys of Fire Arms. The Flag from the Castle was displayed, and the Cross of this City richly dress'd, having the Names of his Majesty and Royal Family curiously figured thereon. At Nine the Muzick-Bells were set a ringing; beforeten the Band of Blue-gown Pensioners, (after hearing Sermon in the Canongate Church by the Rev. Mr. Neil Macvicar his Majesty's Almoner, and receiving the usual Bounty-money) marched in Parade through this City. At Noon there were three Rounds of the Great Guns from the Castle, and answered by the Men of War in the Road, and by several Volleys of small Arms from the Garrison of the Castle and from Col. Lee's Regiment drawn up in the Abbey Court. — The Inhabitants are preparing with an uncommon Ardour to celebrate the Afternoon of the Day, the Particulars of which shall be taken notice of in our next.

Whereas in the Account published in this Paper of the 15th of September last, relating to the Defeat of the Rebels in Sutherland, it was said, "That Lieutenant John Mackay, of Captain George Mackay's Independ-

ent Company, had joined Captain Robert Gray, on the 12th of April, with 400 Men. — Our Readers will observe, that the Number 400 was a Mistake in publishing the said Account from the Pref's Copy; the Fact being, that Lieutenant Mackay only joined Captain Gray with TWO Men.

**Leith, Oct. 30.** Yesterday Morning arrived here, without Convoy, the John and Margaret of Leith, Thomson, from London with Goods and Passengers.

The Wind being Southerly, the Fleet continues still in the Road.

**C**This Day, the 27th Day of the Moon, it is high Water at Leith, Forenoon, at 11 o'clock, 30 M. Afternoon, at 11, 54 M. Friday, Forenoon, at 12, 18 M. Afternoon, at 12, 42 M. Saturday, Forenoon, at 1, 6 M. Afternoon, at 1, 30 M.

New Moon Sunday Morning about 4.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

Mr. JOHN ERSKINE Professor of SCOTS LAW, and Mr. CHARLES MACKT Professor of HISTORY, begin their Colleges of *Scots Law, Universal History and Roman Antiquities*, upon Monday the 10th of November, at the usual Places and Hours.

\* \* \* That a COACH and six able Horses will set out from John Somervell's Gunsmith in Canongate, for London, York, or any Part of the Road, on Tuesday or Wednesday next. To be performed by Matthias Buckeroat, who may be spoke with at the said John Somervell's House.

\* \* \* WILLIAM BOUTCHER Nursery-man at Comely Garden, near the Abbey, Edinburgh, is just now largely provided with all the valuable Sorts of FRUIT and FOREST TREES, FLOWERING SHRUBS, EVERGREENS, FLOWER-ROOTS, and a vast Quantity of THORNS of all Sizes, all which will be sold at the lowest Rates, with proper Allowance for ready Money; and as this is the best Season of planting most Kinds of Trees, Gentlemen are desired, for their own Sake, to give timely Orders, for Want of which many Plantations are ruined, and Nursery-men unjustly blamed.

N.B. Where, in the proper Season, you may be furnished with all Sorts of SEEDS for the Garden, Field, &c.

\* \* \* That soon after Martinmas next, the Price of the Houses and Land in Haddington, belonging to Lieutenant John Maitland Residenter there will be paid, and the same, with the Rents, will be then divided amongst and paid to

the Creditors: Therefore, and in order to the making of the Scheme of Division, such of the Creditors as have not produced their Interests, and deponed upon the Verity of their Debts, are desired forthwith to produce their Writs to George Bowall their Trustee, and in his Presence depone upon the Verity of their Debts.

\* \* \* That the ENGLISH SCHOOL in Halkerton's Wynd, Macvey's new Land, second Door, at present under the Direction of JOHN STIRLING, is from the first of November next to be taught by Mr. ROSE, who for some Time past has been instructed by Mr. WYLIE in the new Method of teaching the English Language, has qualified in terms of the Act of Parliament, and made proper Entry of the School.

As Mr. Rose is obliged to fulfil all Mr. Stirling's Engagements to the Parents of such Children as are now under his Care, it is humbly expected that the Parents, as well for their Children's Sake as Mr. Rose's Encouragement, will continue them, whether Quarterly or Perfecting. They may be assured, that all due Pains and Attendance shall be given, as well to those already entered as to those who shall enter: And setting aside all Quackish boasting, let the Children's Progress be the Rule of judging.

To be exposed to Sale, by way of publick voluntary Roup, upon Monday the 10th Day of November next, between the Hours of 3 and 4 Afternoon, within the Laigh Coffee-house, Edinburgh.

The Lands of TODSHAUGH, holding of the Crown, and lying within the Parish of Kirkliston and Shire of Linlithgow, consisting of about Fifty Acres of Ground, pleasantly situated on the Water of Almond; and on which Lands there is a very convenient new finished House, with a good Garden and Dovecote. The Rental, Progess of Writs and Conditions of Roup, to be seen in the Hands of Robert Dalrymple Writer to the Signet, and Charles Brown Writer in Edinburgh.

Edinburgh, 27th October 1746.

Whereas the COMMISSIONERS of the CUSTOMS did lately receive a Letter, signed V.W. dated the 12th instant, wherein, amongt other Things, Information is given in relation to a Fraud committed in the Ruining the Cargo of a certain Ship about the Beginning of this Month: And although the Writer of the said Letter has condescended upon the Names of some of the Merchants who had Goods smuggled out of that Vessel, and has likewise condescended on some Kinds of Goods, whereof the Cargo confiscted; yet, as the good Effects proposed by the said Correspondence cannot be obtained without further Information, The COMMISSIONERS therefore desire, That he would inform them, or any of them, what particular Goods, and the Quantities, as near as he can judge, came to the Hands of each Person, whom he has already named, because without such Information, it is apprehended that the usual Methods of procuring Justice to the Crown, in such Cases, cannot be obtained.

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